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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/915,773	MORGAN ET AL.
	Examiner William H. Matthews (Howie)	Art Unit 3738

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 September 2004.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-7 and 9-24 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 15-19 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-7, 9-24 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 7-9-04 have been fully considered but they are not moot in view of the new grounds of rejection set forth below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1,2,4,6,7,9,11,13,14,20-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fromberg et al. EP 0215468.

Fromberg et al. discloses in figures 1-2 a foldable or rollable intraocular lens comprised of shape memory material wherein the optic has thickness greater than a peripheral edge thickness and two flared peripheral edge portions, having haptics attached thereto, have a thickness greater than the peripheral edge thickness.

3. Claims 9,11-13,20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Baikoff US PN 5,071,432.

Baikoff discloses in figure 2, lines 54-64 of col. 2, and lines 11-19 of col. 3 an intraocular lens having a peripheral edge with a edge thickness and two flared portions (20) having a thickness greater than the edge thickness. Haptics are attached to flared portions (20).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.
5. Claims 1,2,4-7,9,11-14,20-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Uhler et al. US PN 4,468,820 in view of Brady et al. US PN 5,476,513.

Uhler et al. discloses in figures 4-6 an intraocular lens comprising a lens body having a thickness greater than a peripheral edge thickness wherein the peripheral edge includes two thicker flared portions for attaching haptics. The lens body is disclosed to include PMMA. Uhler lacks the express written disclosure of the lens being foldable. Brady et al. teaches in abstract an intraocular lens comprising a foldable lens body in order to assist implantation through smaller incisions.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the lens disclosed by Uhler et al. by making the lens foldable as taught by Brady et al. in order to assist implantation through smaller incisions.
6. Claims 3,10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Uhler et al. US PN 4,468,820 as applied to claims 1 and 9 above, and in further view of Bissonette et al. US PN 4,725,276.

Uhler et al. meets the structural limitations of claims 3 and 10 as described above but lacks the express written disclosure of thermally welding the haptics to bores. Bissonette et al. discloses an intraocular lens having haptics thermally welded to bores in order to securely attach the haptics to the lens body.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the intraocular lens disclosed by Uhler et al by thermally welding the haptics to the bores in order to securely attach the haptics to the lens body as taught by Bissonette et al.

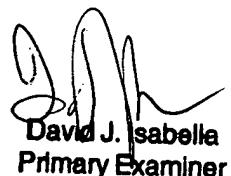
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William H. Matthews (Howie) whose telephone number is 703-305-0316. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 7:00-4:30 (Every other Friday off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Corrine M. McDermott can be reached on 703-308-2111. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 308-2708 for regular communications and (703) 305-3590 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0858.

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